



**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Rufus L. Chaney, et al.  
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**Response to Office Action**

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding is extended by the attached petition.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 8-18, 38-40, 48, 49 and 54-60 are pending. No amendments to the claims or specification are made herein. No new matter has been added. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on January 13,